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SUBJECT: US-EC RELATIONS

1. DURING MARCH 28 DISCUSSION WITH DCM ON CURRENT STATE
OF PLAY FONOFF POLITICAL DIRECTOR VAN LYNDEN SAID THAT
GON POSITION ON DECLARATIONS WITH US WAS THAT WORK SHOULD
PROCEED ON TWO ASSUMPTIONS: (1) THAT THE US WAS
INTERESTED AND (2) THAT THE FRENCH WERE SUFFICIENTLY
INTERESTED TO TAKE A CONSTRUCTIVE PART. VAN LYNDEN
ADDED THAT THIS POSITION APPLIED EUQALLY TO PROCEEDING

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WITH BOTH DECLARATIONS OR DROPPING THE US-EC DECLARATION

AND CONCENTRATING ON THE NATO DECLARATION. AMBASSADOR HARTOGH WAS WORKING FROM THESE INSTRUCTIONS DURING DISCUSSION OF THIS SUBJECT AT PERMREPS MARCH 26 LUNCH (USNATO 1660).

2. DCM DREW ON MOSCOW 4465 TO COUNTER PRESS STATEMENTS AND RESTATE CORRECT US POSITION RE DECLARATIONS.

3. VAN LYNDEN REFERRED TO AN APPROACH HE HAD HAD EARLY IN THE WEEK FROM FRENCH AMBASSADOR SENARD, WHO WAS INSTRUCTED TO INFORM THE DUTCH OF THE CURRENT GOF POSITION RE US-EC CONSULTATIONS. VAN LYNDEN SAID THAT THE DUTCH WERE AWARE (BAY A REPORT FROM BONN) THAT THE FRENCH AMBASSADOR THERE HAD ALREADY MADE THE SAME APPROACH TO THE FRG IN THE LATTER'S CAPACITY AS PRESIDENT OF THE EC COUNCIL OF MINISTERS. VAN LYNDEN INDICATED THAT HE DID NOT FEEL FREE TO DIVULGE THE TENOR OF THE FRENCH DEMARCHE. THE DCM ASKED WHETHER VAN LYNDEN WOULD CHARACTERIZE IT AS A FRENCH INITIATIVE TO OVERCOME THE PRESENT IMPASSE. VAN LYNDEN REPLIED THAT IT WAS NOT QUITE CLEAR WHAT PURPOSE THE FRENCH HAD IN MIND. THE DUTCH HAD TAKEN THE OCCASION TO MAKE CLEAR TO THE FRENCH THAT CONSULTATION, TO BE EFFECTIVE, MUST AFFORD ALL CONCERNED THE POSSIBILITY OF HAVING THEIR VIEWS TAKEN FULLY INTO CONSIDERATION BEFORE A FINAL DECISION WAS REACHED. LIKEWISE, THE EC SHOULD BE PREPARED TO CONSULT WITH THE US ON ANY AND EVERY SUBJECT OF CONCERN.

4. WITHOUT REFERRING DIRECTLY TO GERMAN PROCEDURAL PROPOSAL FOR CONSULTATIONS AS OUTLINED TO THE SECRETARY (MOSCOW 4262), VAN LYNDEN STATED THE DUTCH THINKING ON THIS QUESTION ALONG IDENTICAL LINES AND SAID IN FACT THAT THERE WAS NO DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE FRG AND GON POSITIONS.
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